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1. THE MARCH 18-19 EDITION OF THE POLISH PARTY DAILY TRYBUNA LUDU REPORTED THE WEEKEND VISIT TO POLAND BY FARUK KADUMI, DIRECTOR OF THE POLITICAL DEPARTMENT OF THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION (PLO), AND A PLO DELEGATION. IN A BRIEF ARTICLE THE PAPER STATED THAT "IN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF FRIENDLY CONTACTS BETWEEN POLAND AND THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION", THE GROUP ARRIVED IN WARSAW MARCH 17 FOR TALKS WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ALL-POLISH
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COMMITTEE OF THE FRONT OF NATIONAL UNITY, THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE PZPR AND THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

2. THE MARCH 21 EDITIONS OF TRYBUNA LUDU AND THE MASS CIRCULATION DAILY ZYCIE WARSZAWY CARRY A PAP ARTICLE WHICH SPECIFIED THAT KADUMI MET WITH RYSZARD FRELEK, HEAD OF THE PZPR CENTRAL COMMITTEE

FOREIGN AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT, AND FOREIGN MINISTER EMIL WOJTASZEK. THE ARTICLE SAYS THE POLISH OFFICIALS CONDEMNED ISRAEL FOR ITS AGGRESSION AGAINST PALESTINIAN CAMPS IN SOUTHERN LEBANON AND EXPRESSED POLISH SOLIDARITY WITH THE PALESTINIAN NATION. THEY STATED THEIR CONVICTION THAT A LASTING SETTLEMENT OF THE CONFLICT IN THE NEAR EAST IS NOT ATTAINABLE WITHOUT THE COMPLETE WITHDRAWAL OF ISRAELI FORCES FROM OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORIES AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INDEPENDENT PALESTINIAN NATION IN ITS TRADITIONAL HOMELAND. THE POLISH SIDE, ACCORDING TO THE ARTICLE, STRESSED THE NEED TO STRENGTHEN FURTHER THE UNITY OF PROGRESSIVE ARAB FORCES AND THEIR COOPERATION WITH THE "SOCIALIST" COUNTRIES, AS WELL AS OTHER PROGRESSIVE FORCES IN THE WORLD, AGAINST IMPERIALIST ATTEMPTS TO RESOLVE THE CONFLICT. THE TALKS, THE ARTICLE CONCLUDES, ALSO TOOK UP THE FURTHER STRENGTHENING OF THE TIES OF FRIENDSHIP AND SOLIDARITY BETWEEN POLAND AND THE PLO AS THE SOLE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE.

3. AN OFFICIAL OF THE PROTOCOL DEPARTMENT OF THE MFA TOLD AN EMBASSY OFFICER MARCH 18 THAT KADUMI'S VISIT TO WARSAW WAS "ONLY SEMI-OFFICIAL AND NON-SUBSTANTIVE", AND MERELY ONE STOP ON A MULTI-CITY SWING THROUGH EASTERN EUROPE. KADUMI, THE OFFICIAL SAID, HAD ARRIVE LATE FRIDAY FROM PRAGUE AND WAS SCHEDULED TO LEAVE EARLY MONDAY FOR BELGRADE. ACCORDING TO THE MFA OFFICIAL, THE POLES HAD ORIGINALLY PLANNED TO HAVE KADUMI ARRIVE ON A WORK DAY SOME TIME DURING THE WEEK OF MARCH 20. HOWEVER, PRAGUE REFUSED TO PLAY HOST TO KADUMI OVER THE WEEKEND AND BELGRADE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WOULD NOT RECEIVE HIM BEFORE MONDAY, MARCH 20. THE POLES, HE SAID, RELUCTANTLY AGREED TO THE CHANGE IN TIMING AND EXTENDED THEIR HOSPITALITY FOR THE WEEKEND VISIT. SCHAUFELLE

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